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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-3097
(ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

1 xerox copy given to CPR 9-21-78 with identification of FBI special throughout document. PEN/bmb

Re Newark teletype to Chicago dated 6/7/68, and Newark teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and Chicago dated 6/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a form newsletter bearing the heading, "The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter."

For the information of the Bureau, JERRY RAY, subject's brother, was encouraged by [redacted] to travel from Chicago, Ill., to Camden, N.J., on 6/5/68, to visit her. This was their first meeting and JERRY RAY performed his travel by plane.

RAY stayed with [redacted] where [redacted] has a room. The landlady for this room is [redacted] who resides at the same location.

On 6/7/68, [redacted] said to [redacted] and [redacted] upon his arrival on 6/5/68, JERRY RAY had with him the 5/3/68, issue of "Life" magazine, which contains a cover story re instant matter. He also had a second issue of "Life" which had New York City Mayor JOHN LINDSAY on the cover. That issue contained additional information concerning MURKIN.

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As he unpacked the magazines, JERRY RAY said [redacted] "Just between you and me, I saw my brother right after he escaped. We had a meeting place where he would meet on my days off." RAY did not say if these alleged meetings occurred after his escape from prison or after the murder of KING.

JERRY RAY also said he had visited his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, after the assassination and before his first interview by the FBI. He stated that before the FBI contacted him, he saw the photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed. He recognized this man as being identical with his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY said if he told the FBI everything he knows, "with all of their resources" they would be able to "track him down." He stated, "I do not know where he is right now. I do not think I'll ever see him alive again." He explained his brother would probably not permit himself to be captured alive. JERRY RAY added that he did not want the subject apprehended because of the additional bad publicity it would result in for the RAY family. RAY further said he does not refer to the subject since the assassination by his real name but calls him STARVO or GALT. He did not explain why he does this.

RAY also said, "I tell the FBI only enough to keep them off my back."

On 6/5/68, RAY speculated [redacted] that the subject would probably flee the country to Mexico or Canada. He also said the subject was too hot for him to be in touch with now.

On 6/6/68, [redacted] asked JERRY RAY if his brother shot KING. He replied, "This is his business. I didn't ask him. If I was in his position and had 18 years to serve and someone offered me a lot of money to kill someone I didn't like anyhow and get me out of the country, I'd do it."

Later the same day JERRY RAY commended [redacted] even if the subject confesses to committing the murder of KING, he, JERRY RAY, would not agree with him. He did not further explain this statement, [redacted] advised.

RAY said he now carries a gun from his room to his car. He keeps the gun in the trunk of his car. When he walks

to his room from his car, he removes the gun from the car's trunk and takes it with him. He said he carries the weapon for personal protection.

RAY said the subject is a supporter of Presidential Candidate GEORGE WALLACE. He said the subject once drove a man to Alabama from possibly the California area so he could vote for WALLACE. He then identified this man by his photograph which appears in the 5/3/68, issue of "Life." It is noted [redacted] said the magazine states this man's name is CHARLES STEIN. JERRY RAY, [redacted] did not say when the trip to Alabama occurred.

JERRY RAY said he was considering moving his residence again to a place where the press and possibly the FBI would be unaware of. He also said he was thinking of beginning to use the alias of JERRY RYAN. He then displayed a new Illinois driver's license in the name of JERRY RYAN. He said he recently obtained that license for his own use. He did not further explain why he might change his address and begin to use an alias. He did not say he intended to leave his present job.

On 6/7/68, [redacted] said on 6/6/68, [redacted] asked JERRY RAY if he thought his brother shot KING. RAY replied by pointing out if he were in his brother's position of having an 18 year sentence to serve once he was apprehended and someone offered him money to kill someone he did not like and thereafter be able to leave the country, he would do it. RAY further volunteered at this point the subject might have fled to Canada or Mexico. He did not say anything further about where he thought the subject was.

Then [redacted] asked JERRY RAY where the subject got the money to buy instant white Mustang with. JERRY RAY replied, "They gave him part of the money. He put the money in a safety deposit box, but when he left, he drew it all out. It broke his heart to have to leave the white Mustang."

On 6/9/68, PCI also said on 6/6/68, [redacted] recalled RAY commented the subject was paid either $100,000 or $500,000. JERRY RAY said this while [redacted] and he were discussing if the subject killed KING. According to [redacted] JERRY RAY did not further explain his comment regarding the $100,000 or $500,000 sum. Neither PCI was able to extract a direct statement from JERRY RAY that the subject killed KING.

On 6/9/68, [redacted] said [redacted] received a telephone call from JERRY RAY. He said he was calling to alert [redacted] in

the event [redacted] did not know, the subject had been arrested. He also said he did not think the RAY family would have any difficulty obtaining a lawyer to represent the subject because he was certain several good ones would want the job because of the publicity they would receive.

JERRY RAY also told [redacted] he intends to visit the subject with his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis when the subject is returned to the United States.

[redacted] received the impression from JERRY RAY that he did not know the subject was traveling as he was just before his arrest.

JERRY RAY also said he intends to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to confer with his brother who owns a tavern there within the next week. He said he will do this so he and his brother can agree on how they should handle inquiries from the Press. He said he might consult with an attorney himself so he would not mistakenly say anything in public which might be detrimental to the subject's case.

On 6/10/68, [redacted] advised [redacted] received on 6/3/68 an airmail special delivery envelope from JERRY RAY postmarked in Wheeling, Ill., on 6/1/68. The envelope contained a money order from JERRY RAY to [redacted] in the amount of $40.00. The money order was about 8½" long by 3½" wide. The paper the money order was on was yellow in color and had a white edge. Across the bottom of the face of the money order was "PERSONAL MONEY ORDER" written in black letters. PCI said [redacted] could not recall noticing what kind of a money order it was.

[redacted] stated on 6/3/68 [redacted] cashed the money order at the First Camden National Bank and Trust Co. bank located in the 2800 block of Mt. Ephraim Ave., Camden, N.J. [redacted] accompanied [redacted] and put [redacted] name and the number of [redacted] account at that bank on the money order when it was cashed.

This money order represents one of several instances where JERRY RAY has mailed money orders or cash to [redacted] for [redacted] personal use. It is noted for the Bureau's information JERRY RAY is apparently quite fond of [redacted] and this is probably the reason he sends [redacted] money.

The money order was enclosed in a four page form-type newsletter bearing the heading of "THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER". Beneath this heading appears the information this newsletter represents Vol. 49, No. 5,

and the organization's head office is in Montreal. The newsletter is for May, 1968, and contains an article entitled "TECHNOLOGY AS A WAY OF LIFE". The article deals generally with the various aspects of technology's affect on contemporary living.

Across the front of the newsletter is written in ink, "Look inside, I am at the post office and didn't have any paper." [redacted] said this is the only message from JERRY RAY which appeared in this piece of correspondence.

[redacted] said [redacted] recalled receiving the communication containing the described newsletter after learning the subject had been in Canada prior to his apprehension. [redacted] said that JERRY RAY indicated to [redacted] during his visit he obtained and sent the money order from the Wheeling, Ill. area.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed newsletter for latent impressions and compare any of value which are developed with the subject's fingerprints.

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